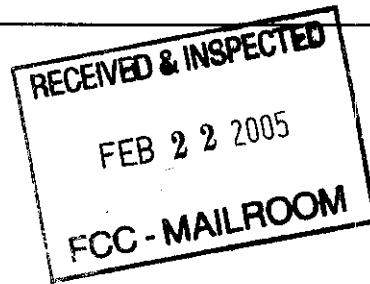




# Broomfield Police Department

Thomas C. Deland  
Chief of Police

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Rulemaking, of LoJack Corporation, RM-\_\_\_, filed October 25, 2004  
ET Docket No. 04-243

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Broomfield Police Department supports the above-reference Petition for Rulemaking filed by LoJack Corporation requesting that the Commission expand the permitted uses and modify the technical requirements for operations on 173.075 MHz. We also support LoJack's request, in the comments it filed in ET Docket No. 04-243, that the Commission provide for a 14-year transition period, commencing with the effective date of the final rules in the proceeding, to convert to narrowband operations on 173.075 MHz.

As described in the petition, LoJack seeks rule changes to allow it to provide public safety entities with additional services that will help us function better. LoJack also seeks changes to the technician rules that, in addition to facilitating these additional services, will enable LoJack to improve the performance of its stolen vehicle recovery system and to compensate for the effects of converting to narrowband operations. LoJack has been used by the Broomfield Police Department to track and locate 12 vehicles that were stolen from our City between August 2002 and January 2005.

Our organization would use and benefit from LoJack's proposed new services. For instance, by obtaining the position of stolen vehicles via GPS, we will be able to dispatch tracker equipped patrol vehicles to the general area where the stolen vehicles are located, and then perform the final tracking and recovery with the Vehicle Location Tracker. We believe this improvement will make our operations more efficient and significantly reduce the time elapsed from the theft of a vehicle and its recovery. This equates to far less damage to recovered vehicles and improved recovery rates.

Broomfield is also concerned with hazardous and dangerous cargoes as they may relate to terrorist activities in our nation. LoJack's cargo tracking devices will enable law enforcement to track and recover stolen cargo that could threaten public safety and security throughout the nation.

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We also support LoJack's concept of including additional public safety and security features in its network. In addition to stolen vehicle recovery, LoJack may provide automatic notification of a severe accident, including the location of the accident, directly to our agency. The network may also indicate the need for emergency medical or other assistance as appropriate. Finally, we support LoJack's concept of tracking individuals who are at risk, either to themselves or their community, including Alzheimer's victims, autistic children, and candidates for home arrest.

We respectfully ask the Commission to initiate the rulemaking LoJack proposed in its Petition. We also urge the Commission to provide LoJack with a 14-year period to complete its transition to the new narrowband operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas C. Deland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Deland" clearly legible.

Thomas Deland  
Chief of Police

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